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Summit County Juvenile Court employee to be recognized at the 2022 Social Work Celebration Gala

On Saturday, June 18, 2022, the Ohio Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) will recognize Summit County Juvenile Court Detention Mental Health Clinician Kandice Lacy, MSW, LISW-S at the Social Work Celebration Gala as the Region 2 recipient of the 2021 Social Worker of the Year Award. The gala will be held at the Center for Science & Industry (COSI) in Columbus, Ohio.

The award honors members who exemplify the best of the profession's values and achievements through superb accomplishments in the practice of social work.

Kandice Lacy is a two-time graduate of The University of Akron. She holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in social work (MSW). She has also earned the credentials of Licensed Independent Social Worker with Supervision Distinction (LISW-S).



Lacy's employment at Summit County Juvenile Court began in 2017 when Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio hired her to serve as a detention mental health clinician in the Summit County Juvenile Detention Center, located at 650 Dan Street in Akron.

The position tasks Lacy with the responsibilities of addressing the mental health needs of youth being held in secure detention, encouraging the practice of stress management techniques, offering therapeutic services to youth presenting with symptoms of traumatic stress, linking youth and families to services in the community, and more.

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“Kandice has a beautiful light of energy that makes all around her feel better, comforted, and safe,” said friend and colleague/nominator Sarah Balsler, MSW, LISW, a doctoral fellow at Case Western Reserve University. “Her spirit radiates kindness, and I am so proud to be in a profession that includes people with like her.”

“Kandice Lacy’s character, education, experience, professionalism, and passion for serving others makes her truly deserving of this award,” said Summit County Juvenile Court Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio. “It is an honor to have such a dedicated social worker on staff and serving youth and families involved in the Summit County juvenile justice system.”

The NASW is the largest and most recognized membership organization of professional social workers in the world. There are more than 130,000 members nationwide and 4,700 in Ohio. The organization works to enhance the professional growth and development of its members, to create and maintain professional standards for social workers, and to advance sound social policies.

For more information about the 2022 Social Work Celebration Gala visit, [nasw.org](https://www.nasw.org). To learn more about Summit County Juvenile Court visit, [juvenilecourt.summitoh.net](https://www.juvenilecourt.summitoh.net) or call 330-643-2900.

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